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2. [] no [] new world conflict possible within the next few years. [] the Soviet Union would not begin a war it knows it would lose, and [] the United States would not react against small localized conflicts by starting a war against the Soviet Union. [] 25X1
[] the Soviet Union lost an opportunity 25X1 during the Yugoslav crisis. Actually, if Soviet troops had entered Yugoslavia in 1948, the United States would not have intervened, because they were not prepared, just as they were not prepared for the conflict which broke out in Korea.
3. The Soviets will try to stir up small local conflicts which would be very costly to the West and which should eventually satiate American public opinion. This does not mean that the USSR would not consider the possibility of a new world war. Far from it! However, in such a case, the Soviets would leave Bulgaria to its fate and would deploy the Bulgarian Army outside Bulgaria.
4. [] a new world war would be fought on German territory; the 25X1 preparations and studies of the Soviet-Bulgarian general staffs are oriented in this direction. Yugoslavia, because of its geographic situation, will play an important role vis-a-vis Bulgaria, where Yugoslavia's military strength is given very serious attention, particularly since the inclusion of that nation in the Atlantic Pact. Nevertheless, Moscow will not easily renounce a plan for transforming Bulgaria into a great base for operations against Greece and Turkey. Soviet maneuvers and preparations lead one to think, however, that this plan is gradually losing the importance it once had.
5. Bulgarian authorities foresee that an attack by Yugoslavia would be so strong that Bulgarian resistance might be broken and Bulgarian forces cut off from those of the Soviets.

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